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SBA Honors National Small Business Champions

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Thirteen small business owners and leaders of small business support organizations were hailed today by the U.S. Small Business Administration for their outstanding support of entrepreneurs. The Champion

Awards were presented today in Washington, D.C., as part of the annual observance of National Small Business Week.

"The SBA is proud to honor these men and women as true champions of small business, whose tireless efforts have provided tangible and significant support to small businesses and to their communities," said SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills. "They provide the counseling, advice and support that small business owners need, and foster an environment where the spirit of entrepreneurship can flourish resulting in growth and job creation."

This year's Champion Awards recognize winners from Arizona, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Mexico, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. For more detailed information on all the winners please go to <http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com/> and click on Winners.

The Champion Awards were presented at the Champion Award Winners Gala, sponsored by VISA.

The winners are:

2010 National Financial Services Champion Mark David Peterson President Bridgeway Capital, Inc.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2010 National SBA Young Entrepreneur
Dan Price
CEO
Gravity Payments
Seattle, Washington

2010 National Veteran Champion
Lloyd Calderon
Director
New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services Veteran Business Development Office Albuquerque, New Mexico

2010 National Exporter of the Year
Dan Nanigian
President
Nanmac Corporation
Framingham, Massachusetts

2010 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Carl Treankler Director Larry Treankler Partner Terry Hanstedt Partner Gary Lofquist CEO, Partner MCL Industries, Inc. Pulaski, Wisconsin

2010 National Home Based Business Champion Boyd L. Wright Owner Wright Made Products Grand Forks, North Dakota

2010 National Minority Champion
Eddie Reyes
HUB Coordinator
University of North Texas
Denton, Texas

2010 National Women in Business Champion Carolyn Brown CEO The Accountant's Office Chandler, Arizona

2010 Entrepreneurial Success
Robert A. Pancake II
Managing Member
Steven W. Wheat
Managing Member
High 5 LLC
Buffalo Wild Wings
Bear, Delaware

For additional information on Small Business Week 2010, including a full schedule of events and information on all award winners, go online to www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com.

Editors - please note: A complete list of all award winners also is available on the National Small Business Week Web site at <http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com> and click on Winners.

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